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Prices in New York were unchanged with the balance of prices in all other areas lower to sharply lower when compared to the previous week. The market tone was steady throughout all regions after early week price adjustments. Demand was light to good and reported as improving in many locations. Supplies were balanced to ample, mostly adequate to fully adequate. Central States breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher with majority prices unchanged. Checks and undergrades were unchanged. Offerings were adequate. Demand was light as most breakers were satisfied with current shell egg inventories and regular commitments. Floor stocks in balance to fully adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment steady. Spent hen removal costs ranged unchanged. Demand was fair to fairly good with offerings adequate. Schedules reduced for the New Year's holiday. Trade sentiment steady. Removal costs were 4.5 to 9 cents, mostly 4.5 to 6 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices continued unchanged. Trade sentiment remains steady for all sizes. Cartoned egg sales were light to fairly good and reported as improving in many locations with loose demand moderate at best. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with most breakers needs covered at the present time. Offerings were adequate. Floor stocks balanced to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE 67-76 70-73

LARGE 66-75 68-71

MEDIUM 61-70 63-66

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to occasionally good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for needs. Offerings of breaking stock were sufficient for a light to moderate demand. Light hens offerings were adequate

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE 72-86 75-79

LARGE 69-83 74-78

MEDIUM 64-77 69-71

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

Dec 22, 2006

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	97.00	96.00	74.00
SOUTHEAST	96.50	94.50	73.00
MIDWEST	91.50	89.50	70.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	98.49	95.50	75.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	95.97	93.92	73.35

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	12-26-06	12-19-06	12-27-05
Large	48-57	65-74	58-67
Medium	43-49	49-55	29-35

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- DEC 27, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		North	South	South	5-Area		
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	5.8	20.1	7.9	9.8	8.9	52.5
	Change	-1.7	-0.3	-0.2	-2.5	-5.0	-16%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	17.6	48.6	13.6	22.0	35.2	137.0
	Change	-6.2	-2.6	1.3	-4.0	-7.8	-12%
Large	Curr Wk	25.0	147.2	83.9	90.5	91.0	437.6
	Change	-11.4	21.9	-7.1	-36.3	-50.5	-16%
Medium	Curr Wk	8.2	41.8	21.5	11.2	27.9	110.6
	Change	0.6	8.4	-0.1	-3.5	-6.3	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	3.5	5.8	1.9	3.3	1.3	15.8
	Change	1.5	1.1	-0.4	0.4	-1.1	10%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.4	23.7	9.7	10.5	6.3	52.6
	Change	-0.4	-3.0	-3.2	-1.3	-1.2	-15%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	13.8	47.8	24.9	28.9	19.1	134.5
	Change	0.1	10.9	3.5	4.1	-4.6	12%
Total	Curr Wk	76.3	335.0	163.4	176.2	189.7	940.6
	Percent Change	-19%	12%	-4%	-20%	-29%	-10%

TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	940.6	-10%	160
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	236.4	8%	33
Total Shell Egg	1177.0	-7%	193

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 160 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	NO	SO	SO	5-AREA		
NORTHEAST	CENT	CENT	ATL	PACIFIC	SUMMARY	
	93.8	298.6	169.6	219.3	266.2	1047.5

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
 North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
 South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
 South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
 Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 23-Dec-06
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,254,047	32,127	11,283	6,036	2,925	4,427
PW	1,262,206	32,716	10,937	5,676	2,439	4,576
LY	1,152,875	29,972	9,586	5,006	2,559	3,939
% PW	-1%	-2%	3%	6%	20%	-3%
% LY	9%	7%	18%	21%	14%	12%
2006	65,734,533	1,635,280	602,577	318,819	138,049	221,572
2005	66,576,597	1,591,392	636,441	341,087	145,644	225,030
% YTD	-1%	3%	-5%	-7%	-5%	-2%
		CW	PW	LY		
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)		42.96	42.71	42.07		
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)		39.43	39.08	38.65		

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material)

	Cases Broken		Liquid whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	612,608	48.9%	17,241	53.7%
PREVIOUS WEEK	585,720	46.4%	17,094	52.3%
LAST YEAR	508,501	44.1%	15,465	51.6%

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	Dec 16 2006	Dec 23 2006	Dec 16 2006	Dec 23 2006
	Thousand			
AL	30,327	30,098	*20,225	20,926
AR	29,789	28,911	*23,904	23,789
DE	3,913	3,572	4,366	4,126
FL	1,353	1,342	1,685	1,575
GA	35,819	34,923	28,590	28,316
KY	7,465	7,154	5,922	6,327
LA	3,742	3,742	3,606	3,816
MD	8,531	8,603	6,675	6,220
MS	17,960	18,321	16,075	15,228
NC	19,039	18,688	15,454	15,445
OK	6,177	5,994	4,180	4,648
PA	*4,002	4,076	*2,949	2,974
SC	5,530	5,205	4,521	5,006
TX	14,138	14,112	12,085	12,052
VA	6,075	6,234	5,186	5,238
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,701	17,764	*17,119	16,361
19 State Total	*211,561	208,739	*172,542	172,047
Previous Year Total	215,686	212,232	175,810	174,733
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	98	98	98

*Revised

Source: USDA/NASS

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 03-Feb-07 is estimated at 158.4 million head. This compares to 158.4 million head the previous week and to 165.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 165.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 63.66 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR Dec 21, 2006 - Dec 27, 2006

LOADS:	CURRENT	46.25	FUTURE	52.00	TOTAL	98.25	
	SE	NE	MW				
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	51.00	--	52.50	53.00	52.00	56.00	40.00
GL W XL	--	62.75	59.88	59.83	54.38	52.00	33.75
GL W LG	--	--	52.50	54.14	54.67	--	23.00
GL W MD	63.00	--	56.83	59.75	59.00	--	7.25
GL W SM	--	51.00	45.25	45.50	--	--	3.00
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	.50
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	109.00	--	2.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	33.00	35.00	--	38.50	39.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	38.00	2.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	30.50	4.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 23-Dec-2006

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Thousands)	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	36.9	30.2	22	-5
Boston	3.3	3.1	6	6
Chicago	97.8	87.2	12	-8
Detroit	20.2	18.4	10	-25
Kansas City	5.1	5.1	0	0
Los Angeles	108.3	111.6	-3	-11
New Orleans	6.0	5.9	2	-5
New York	32.9	30.3	9	-11
St. Louis	19.7	24.5	-20	6
San Francisco	20.7	18.5	12	-4
Total	350.9	334.8	5	-9
4 Week Moving Avg.	327.0			

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 23-DEC-2006 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS			
	PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG		
	CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE		
	-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
North East	736	-1	24.47	(A)	738	24.47
South Atlantic	400	-45	33.73	(A)	402	33.73
North Central	1,802	-15	32.13	(A)	1,804	32.13
South Central	333	-57	14.04	(A)	335	14.04
West	227	-45	23.81	(A)	228	23.81
U.S. total	3,498(B)-27		28.43	9	3,507	28.43
To-date						
2006	232,695(B)			226	232,921	
To-date						
2005	225,995(B)			211	226,206	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 26,000; for the current year to date 1,382,000; for last year to date 1,235,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

	YOUNG		YOUNG OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	Thousands				
W/E 23-Dec-2006					
Head	1,497	1,975	26	9	3,507
Avg Wt	15.88	37.99	26.14	24.03	28.43
Last week	2,117	2,655	22	12	4,806
Same wk yr ago	1,559	1,902	10	0	3,471
Avg Wt	16.53	39.71	28.61	0.00	29.27
To-date/2006	100,123	131,190	1,382	226	232,921
To-date/2005	93,676	131,084	1,235	211	226,206

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 23-DEC-2006	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	159,549	1,147	1,531	2,678	513
Avg Wt	5.37	3.33	8.02	6.01	6.80
Last week	160,125	1,111	1,518	2,629	540
Same wk yr ago	151,687	1,472	1,297	2,769	468
Avg Wt	5.43	3.46	7.76	5.47	6.64
To-date/2006	8,217,320	54,666	75,958	130,624	25,559
To-date/2005	8,201,280	72,508	72,143	144,651	25,442

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.5 million head, or 8.1 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 30-Dec-06

CLASS	CW - 12/30/06(1)	PW - 12/23/06
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
Broiler/fryer	131,780(2)	162,044
Light hens	787	1,165
Heavy hens	1,043	1,513
Total	133,610	164,722

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 30-Dec-06 is 149.2 million head compared to 143.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 132.0 million head or 17.2 million less than estimated available. For the week of 06-Jan-07 the estimated available is 150.0 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
November 18	162.4	156.3	104%	5.49
25	122.0	156.7	78%	5.44
December 2	166.4	156.8	106%	5.53
9	165.3	156.6	106%	5.49
16	162.1	156.8	103%	5.31
23	161.5	153.4	105%	5.37
Year to date	8317.0	8303.3	100%	
December 30		149.2		
January 6		150.0		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of:

25-DEC-2006 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	61.00-64.00	63.74	36	65.35	60
Los Angeles	77.00	75.80	54	71.29	141
New York	63.00-66.00	64.96	23	62.93	53

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Change from			
25-DEC-2006	18-DEC-2006	18-DEC-2006	26-DEC-2005
67.63	1.24	66.39	62.33
NUMBER OF LOADS	536		

MONTHLY	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	LOADS
December	66.48	2,306.80
QUARTERLY		
October - December	65.84	7,089.00
YEARLY		
2006	64.30	29,322.00

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-70	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68-70	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-70	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	68-70	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	68-70	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	68-70	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F.

2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting.

5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers (Incl. Gov't Stocks)

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
		(THOUSANDS)		
AM	12/26/06	3,256	34,715	64,055
AM	12/01/06	3,159	38,753	65,295
CHG		97	-4038	-1240
PCT CHG		3%	-10%	-2%

HEN MARKETS**HEAVY TYPE**

(7 pounds and up)* Final price, cents per lb., Generally for slaughter the week of 25-DEC-06

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
Southeast (1)	2-7 CENTS/LB.	-	4.55
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	2-7.5 CENTS/LB.	-	4.83

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

LIGHT TYPE

Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds) 22-DEC-06

REMOVAL COST

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	5-12	7-9
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	4.5-9	4.5-6

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 23-DEC-2006	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	193.4	0	-9
East North Central	645.8	2	3
West North Central	282.3	-7	0
South Atlantic	192.0	-4	-10
South Central	64.9	6	-8
West	207.5	1	4
Total	1585.9	-1	-1
Matched plants reporting	82	82	

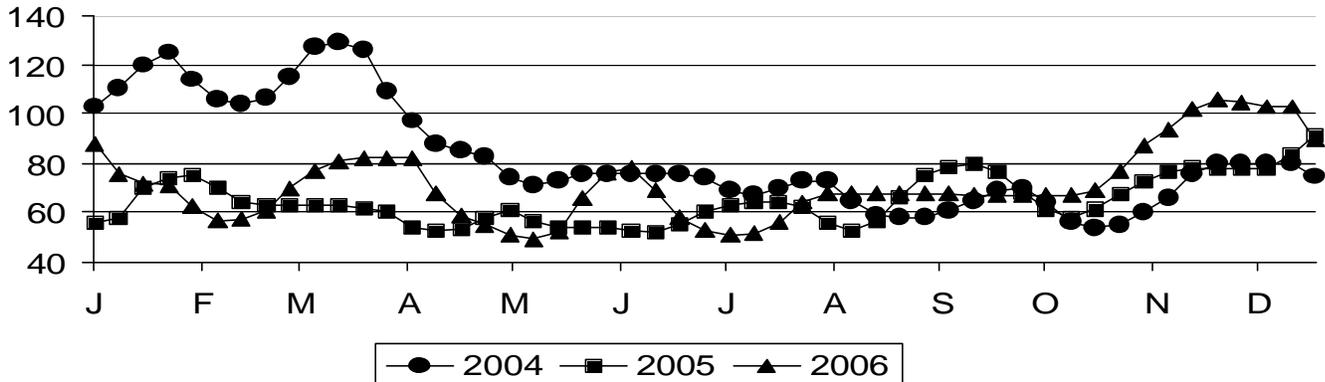
Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,DE)

East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

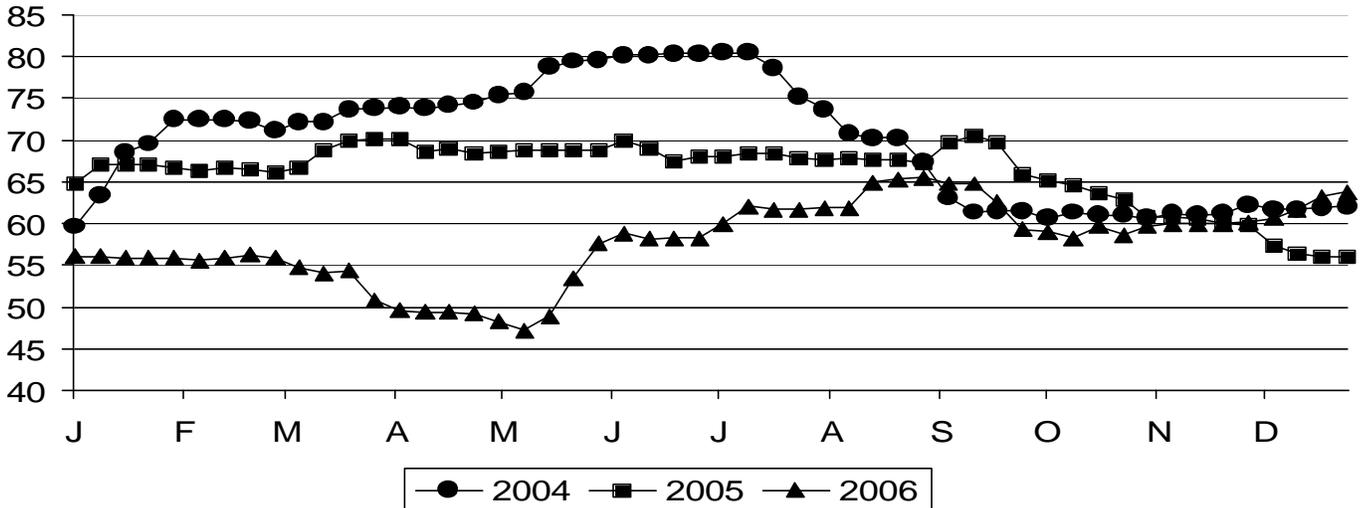
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

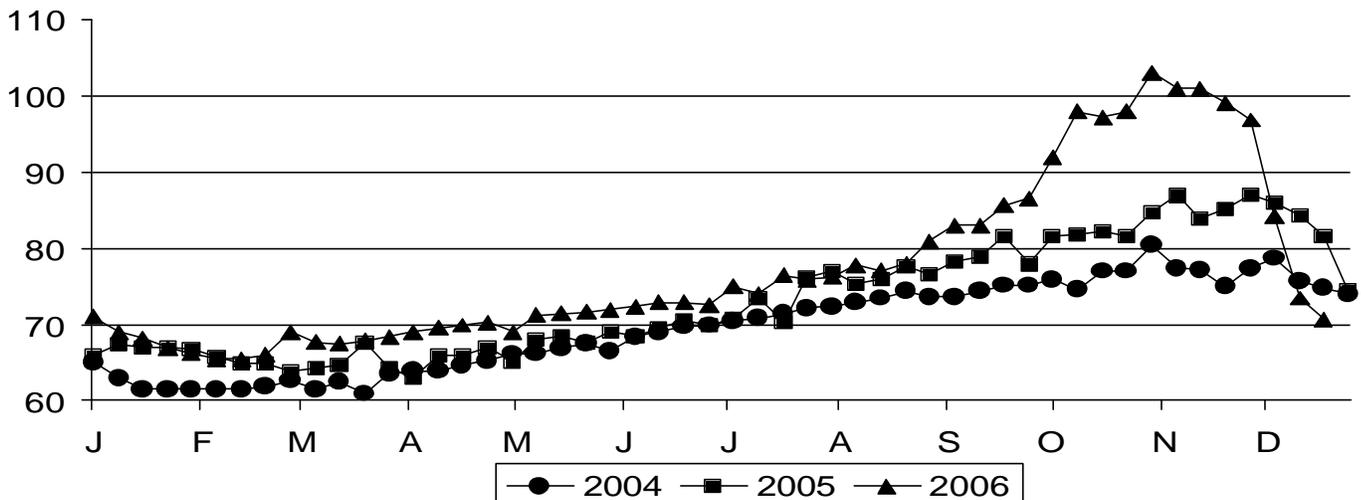
New York Large Weekly Average Price
cents per dozen



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices
cents per pound



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkey
cents per pound



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